



Winter Safety

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail"

– Benjamin Franklin

Winter can bring a wonderland of snow, refreshing temperatures, outdoor activities, and the desire to warm up by a fire. Winter can also bring harsh, unpredictable weather conditions of many forms that threaten your safety. Snow, sleet, slush, ice, extreme cold, heavy winds and rain often put you at risk while driving on the road or staying at home. To ensure the safety of yourself and your family, it is important that you make a plan and prepare ahead of time so you are ready for the worst this winter.



Think Ahead So You're Prepared

If a storm hit tomorrow, would you be ready? Creating an emergency kit for your home and vehicles can help you stay safe in the middle of a storm. Some of the recommended items you should include in your kit are:

- Water – at least one gallon per person per day for three days
- Food – canned and nonperishable food to support the whole family for three days
- Manual Can Opener
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlights – with extra batteries
- Tools – wrenches and pliers for turning off utilities

For more tips on how to build and maintain a basic emergency kit, [click here >>](#)

Work Together to Make a Plan

If the power goes out in your house, what's your plan? Having an emergency plan is important to stay safe and warm in this winter weather. Make sure your family knows what to do, where to go, and what to take with them when the worst happens. For more information, [click here >>](#)

Safeguard Your Home to Prevent Heating Fires

Did you know heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires every year during winter months? You can prevent a heating fire in your home by:

- Never leaving candles unattended
- Having your chimney inspected and cleaned every year
- Keeping anything combustible at least three feet away from a heat source

For more tips on how to prevent heating fires, [click here >>](#)

Stay Safe on the Slopes

Your winter ski/snowboarding trip shouldn't be ruined by an accident or injury. Be sure to dress in layers, research weather conditions, and warm-up on the bunny hill before you hit the slopes. Don't forget to stay hydrated! For tips on how to stay safe and prevent accidents while skiing/snowboarding, [click here >>](#)

